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Annexure.

Add *the following new rule after rule* 178 :—

" 178-*A*. (1) *The Committee shall have power to require the attendance of persons or the production of papers or records, if such a course is considered necessary for the discharge of its duties.*

Provided that Government may decline to produce a document on the ground that its disclosure would not be in the public interest.

(2) *A witness may be summoned by an order signed by the Secretary and shall produce such documents as are required for the use of the Committee.*

(3) *It shall be in the discretion of the Committee to treat any evidence tendered before it as secret or confidential.*"

APPENDIX VI.

[Vide item VI on page 425 supra.]

L.A. BILL No. 12 OF 1955.

(As passed by the Assembly.)

A Bill to remove certain doubts in the Madras Marumakkathayam Act, 1932 (*Madras Act XXII of* 1933), *in regard to sthanams and sthanam properties.*

WHEREAS doubts have arisen about the true legal character of certain properties which are erroneously claimed to be or regarded as sthanam properties, but which are properties of the tarwad, the male members of which are entitled to succeed to the sthanam and it is necessary to remove those doubts in respect of this question;

BE it enacted in the Sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. *Short title and application.*—(1) This Act may be called the Madras Marumakkathayam (Removal of Doubts) Act, 1955.

(2) It shall apply to all persons governed by the Madras Marumakkathayam Act, 1932 (Madras Act XXII of 1933).

2. *Certain kinds of sthanam properties declared to be tarwad properties.*—Notwithstanding any decision of Court, any sthanam in respect of which—

(*a*) there is or had been at any time an intermingling of the properties of the sthanam and the properties of the tarwad, or

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(*b*) the members of the tarwad have been receiving maintenance from the properties purporting to be sthanam properties as of right, or in pursuance of a custom or otherwise, or

(*c*) there had at any time been a vacancy caused by there being no male member of the tarwad eligible to succeed to the sthanam,

shall be deemed to be and shall be deemed always to have been a Marumakkathayam tarwad and the properties appertaining to such a sthanam shall be deemed to be and shall be deemed always to have been properties belonging to the tarwad to which the provisions of the Madras Marumakkathayam Act, 1932 (Madras Act XXII of 1933), shall apply.

Explanation.—All words and expressions used in this Act shall bear the same meaning as in the Madras Marumakkathayam Act, 1932 (Madras Act XXII of 1933).

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